

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 5 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tire/wheel assembly in which a run-flat support member formed of an annular shell and elastic rings is inserted into a cavity portion of a pneumatic tire mounted onto a rim, the annular shell having an arched cross-section, and the elastic rings being attached to bent ends of the annular shell ~~inon~~ an inner peripheral side of the annular shell,

wherein, while a plurality of notches are provided in the bent ends of the annular shell along a circumferential direction of the annular shell, a length L_n of the respective notches in the circumferential direction is set between 1.0 mm and 15.0 mm inclusive, and a ratio W_s/W_g of a width W_s (mm) of the respective bent ends of the annular shell to a thickness W_g (mm) of the respective elastic rings is set between 0.55 and 0.92 inclusive, and

further wherein the annular shell is formed of a metal material.

2. (Original) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 1, wherein a ratio L_n/L_p of the length L_n (mm) of the respective notches in the circumferential direction to an alignment pitch L_p (mm) thereof in the circumferential direction is set between 0.07 and 0.30 inclusive, and a ratio W_n/W_s of a length W_n (mm) of the respective notches in a

direction orthogonal to the circumferential direction to the width W_s (mm) of the respective bent ends is set between 0.3 and 1.5 inclusive.

3. (Original) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 2, wherein the ratio L_n/L_p of the length L_n (mm) of the respective notches in the circumferential direction to the alignment pitch L_p (mm) thereof in the circumferential direction is set between 0.09 and 0.25 inclusive, and a radius of curvature of each of connecting portions connecting the respective bent ends and sidewall surfaces of the annular shell is set between 4 mm and 10 mm inclusive.

4. (Currently Amended) The tire/wheel assembly according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein ~~the annular shell is formed of a~~ the metal material having has breaking strength not less than 600 MPa.

5. (Currently Amended) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 3, wherein ~~the annular shell is formed of a~~ the metal material having has breaking strength not less than 800 MPa.